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## Amendments

## In The Specification:

Submitted herewith is a substitute specification to replace the originally filed specification.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-17 and add the following new claims:

18. (New) An isolation transformer comprising:

a multi-layer, multi-winding primary coil fabricated by stacking coil layers formed by winding an insulated, covered, copper wire;

a multi-layer, multi-winding secondary coil fabricated by stacking coil layers formed by winding an insulated, covered copper wire;

a core that forms a magnetic path between the primary coil and the secondary coil; and a plurality of short-circuit rings made of conducting thin films sandwiched between the coil layers of at least one of the primary and secondary coils.

- 19. (New) The isolation transformer of claim 18, wherein the short-circuit rings are sandwiched between each of the coil layers.
- 20. (New) The isolation transformer of claim 18, wherein the short-circuit rings are sandwiched between selected coil layers.

